

SECOND DAY—1st June 1928.

The House re-assembled at 12 Noon.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

BY MR. B. C. RANGAPPA—(Minority Interest, Bangalore).—

Q.—2. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there are any restrictions to enter the temples under the control of the Muzrai Department for the people of all castes who are the subjects of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore ;

(b) whether the Muzrai Department have issued to the Archaks or Dharmadarsis any instructions verbal or written either to permit or to prevent entrance into the temples of any particular class of people ;

(c) whether the Muzrai Department has issued orders to the Archaks and Dharmadarsis prohibiting the entrance of “ Kaniyar Caste ” people to certain temples ;

(d) if so, whether the injustice done would be set right by Government.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—2. (a), (b), (c) and (d) No instructions have been issued by the Muzrai Department as these matters are governed by local usage.

### *Supplementary Questions and Answers.*

Mr. B. C. Rangappa.—

Is it not necessary to remove restrictions so that all subjects of His Highness may get entry into the temples ?

Second Member of Council.—

It is not possible to disregard local usage.

**Mr. K. T. Bhashyam.—**

As the Government are giving grants to temples, is it not possible to throw open all muzrai institutions to all people ?

**Second Member of Council.—**

Muzrai temples receive contributions from the public also.

**Mr. K. T. Bhashyam.—**

Should not the Government also help in breaking the usage, if it runs counter to public opinion ?

**Second Member of Council.—**

Yes, as far as possible. It is not possible to say that the entire public opinion is in favour of making a departure from long-established usage.

**Mr. K. T. Bhashyam.—**

Have the Government tried to help the Kaniyars in getting entry into temples ?

**Second Member of Council.—**

Government have to consider the views of all sections of the public.

**Mr. K. T. Bhashyam.—**

How has public opinion been ascertained ?

**Second Member of Council.—**

There are many ways of ascertaining it.

**Mr. K. T. Bhashyam.—**

Have not the Kaniyars made any appeal to the Government in this matter ?

**Second Member of Council.—**

Yes.

**Mr. K. T. Bhashyam.—**

If so, what steps have Government taken in the matter ?

**Second Member of Council.—**

It is necessary to proceed cautiously in religious matters.

**Mr. K. T. Bhashyam.—**

Have they at least ascertained why it is that people object to the Kaniyars entering the temples ?

**Second Member of Council.—**

Sentiment and long-established practice influence religious matters.

**Mr. K. T. Bhashyam.—**

At least, have Government tried to ascertain the opinion of the orthodox section of the public ?

**Second Member of Council.—**

Orthodox view is generally against such departures.

**Mr. K. T. Bhashyam.—**

Will the Government be pleased to issue orders that muzrai grants will not be sanctioned to such of the temples as refuse admission to all classes of His Highness' subjects ?

**Second Member of Council.—**

It is not advisable to do so.

**Mr. K. T. Bhashyam.—**

Is it not just that all classes of His Highness' subjects should enjoy equal facilities in the matter of entry into muzrai temples ?

**Second Member of Council.—**

It is not always possible to secure such equality in religious matters.

**Mr. K. T. Bhashyam.—**

Have the founders of any temples stated that admission should be restricted to particular communities ?

**Second Member of Council.—**

It is not possible to ascertain their views and it is usage that generally governs these matters.

**Mr. D. S. Mallappa.**—

Are Government bound to perpetuate local usage, whether it is right or wrong ?

**Dewan.**—

It is not possible to answer that question.

**Mr. D. S. Mallappa.**—

Is it not their duty to change the usage if it is wrong ?

**Dewan.**—

Government cannot answer that question.

**Mr. B. L. Byanna.**—

Is not God one and the same for all, and as such is it not only fair that opportunities of worship should be given to all ?

**Dewan.**—

Government cannot answer that question.

**Mr. G. B. Raghavendrachar.**—

Are the Government aware that the Kaniyars are also Hindus ?

**Dewan.**—

You cannot go on asking questions like that.

**Mr. G. B. Raghavendrachar.**—

Do not the Muzrai Commissioner and visitors from Europe and other continents enter these temples ?

**Second Member of Council.**—

No, not where such a practice is not permitted.

**Muzrai Commissioner.**—

I have not entered such temples.

**Mr. D. S. Mallappa.**—

Is any list maintained in the Muzrai Department, showing the particular communities which are entitled to entry into each temple ?

**Second Member of Council.—**

No.

**Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—**

Has the opinion of the country as a whole been ascertained ?

**Second Member of Council.—**

Not necessary.

**Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—**

Will the Government be prepared to maintain such a list at least in future ?

**Second Member of Council.—**

It does not appear to be possible.

**Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—**

Then, why do they say that entry should be refused to members of particular communities ?

**Second Member of Council.—**

Long established usage cannot be disregarded.

**Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—**

If any community forces itself into such temples, will the Government lend it support ?

**Second Member of Council.—**

It is not possible to answer hypothetical questions.

**Mr. B. S. Ranoji Rao.—**

Was not local usage broken and the Sanskrit College at Bangalore thrown open to non-Brahmins ?

**Second Member of Council.—**

That question does not arise.

**Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—**

Then, how is it to be ascertained which particular communities have to be admitted into a temple ?

**Third Member of Council.—**

Do you admit the Panchamas into your temples ?

**Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—**

Why not, if the Government so order ?

**Third Member of Council.—**

There is so much trouble in getting them admitted into the schools; such being the case, it cannot be expected that they will be easily admitted into the temples.

**By MR. K. P. PARASIVIAH—(Kankanhalli Urban).—**

*Q.—3.* Will the Government be pleased to state :—

- (1) the number of goats in the State ;
- (2) the number of sheep in the State ;
- (3) the amount of tax recovered in 1926-27 on account of goats;
- (4) the amount of tax recovered in 1926-27 on account of sheep.

**GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—**

*A.—3.* (1) 1,742,017.

(2) 2,492,021.

(3) and (4) Information as to Octroi and other taxes levied in the Municipalities for the year will be called for.

*Supplementary Questions and Answers.*

**Mr. K. P. Parasiviah.—**

What is the rate levied per head of goat for browsing in the State Forests ?

**Third Member of Council.—**

I want notice.

**Mr. K. P. Parasiviah.—**

Have the difficulties of the raiyats on this account been brought to the notice of the Government ?